

**NOTICE OF SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF
MOTORIZED FOOT SCOOTERS AND
ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES (e.g. Segways)**

***Thursday, June 17, 2004
5:30pm, City Hall, City Council Chamber
600 4th Ave, (entrance on 5th Ave. and James St.)***

The Council is considering Council Bill 114910 which establishes where motorized foot scooters and electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMDs: the only brand of which currently on the market is the Segway Human Transporter) may be legally operated, and sets rules of operation to promote their reasonable and safe use within the City of Seattle.

Council Bill 114910 as proposed by the Council includes the following key provisions:

- Motorized foot scooters may be ridden only on streets and in alleys.
- Motorized foot scooters are NOT allowed in bike lanes, on sidewalks, on public paths such as the Burke-Gilman Trail, or off-road in city parks.
- Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs) are allowed on sidewalks, in alleys, and on most streets.
- Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs) are NOT allowed on public paths, off-road in city parks, in bike lanes, or on certain streets (not allowed on streets with speed limits of more than 35 mph; on streets with speed limits of 25 to 35 mph, must be ridden on sidewalks if available)
- In some congested sidewalk areas, EPAMDs will be restricted to 4 mph.
- Motorized foot scooters must follow the same rules as bicyclists.
- EPAMDs must follow the same rules as pedestrians when being operated on sidewalks, crosswalks, or in pedestrian zones, and must follow the same rules as bicyclists when being operated in other permitted areas.
- No person under sixteen years of age may operate a motorized foot scooter on a roadway, shoulder or alley.
- Motorized foot scooters must be equipped with a headlamp on the front and reflector on the back for when riding anytime from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed legislation is scheduled before the City Council's Transportation Committee on Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Fifth Avenue entrance between Cherry and James Streets. For those who wish to testify, a sign-up sheet will be available outside the Council Chamber

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WRITTEN COMMENTS

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE

www.seattle.gov/transportation/segwayscooter.htm

<http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~public/leghome.htm>

Questions regarding the proposed legislation or requests for copies of the legislation may be directed to Phyllis Shulman at 684-8805 or via email at Phyllis.Shulman@seattle.gov